

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for generating a list of candidate alternative spellings, comprising:
2 finding, among a plurality of files, a first file that contains a link that indicates a first
3 spelling that was entered by a user, wherein said link links to a second file;
4 locating, within said second file, a second spelling that is spelled similarly to, but not
5 exactly the same as, said first spelling; and
6 adding said second spelling to a list of candidate alternative spellings of said first
7 spelling.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said second file does not contain said first spelling.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said second spelling is not contained in any result
2 field of said second file.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said second spelling is not contained in a title of said
2 second file.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein no abstract generated for said second file contains
2 said second spelling.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of said second
2 file does not contain said second spelling.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said first spelling comprises multiple words and said
2 second spelling comprises multiple words.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a
3 comparison of frequencies of occurrences of said first spelling and frequencies
4 of occurrences of said second spelling.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a
3 whether said first spelling is a plural form of said second spelling.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 filtering said list of candidate alternative spellings of said first spelling based on a
3 whether said second spelling is a plural form of said first spelling.

1 11. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 1.

1 12. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 2.

1 13. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 3.

1 14. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 4.

1 15. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 5.

1 16. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 6.

1 17. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 7.

1 18. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 8.

1 19. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 9.

1 20. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which,
2 when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to
3 perform the method recited in Claim 10.